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PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN AMERENUE DECOMMISSIONING CASE

Jefferson City (September 16, 2002)---Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE has filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking approval of its decommissioning cost estimate and funding level of its nuclear decommissioning trust fund.

AmerenUE's application states that the current contribution of approximately \$6.2 million is adequate to meet the cost of decommissioning the Callaway nuclear power plant (AmerenUE is the sole owner of the Callaway nuclear power plant). AmerenUE states the current annual contribution amount should not be changed at this time and therefore **customer rates should not be affected**. AmerenUE's cost estimate to decommission the Callaway nuclear power plant is approximately \$515.3 million in **2002** dollars.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case should be filed on or before October 11, 2002, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: David B. Hennen, Ameren Service Company, One Ameren Plaza, P.O. Box 66149 (M/C 1310), St. Louis, Missouri 63166-6149; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

As part of a 1985 Public Service Commission rate case decision dealing with the costs of AmerenUE's Callaway nuclear power plant, the Commission ordered AmerenUE to establish an external fund for the decommissioning money collected (in customer rates) over the life of the plant. The external fund is administered through a trustee. The funds accumulated in the trust are invested by the trustee and are unavailable for company use until the plant is decommissioned.

AmerenUE has filed this application in compliance with Commission rules and regulations which require review of the trust fund accruals every three years. These reviews are designed to ensure adequate funding for decommissioning of the power plant.

AmerenUE serves approximately 1.1 million electric customers in Missouri.

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